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LICENCES TO COMPNAIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the norms prescribed by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for the Department of Telecom to issue licences for various telecom services being offered by State owned Telecom Companies;

(b) whether there has been delay in granting licences to those State-owned companies;

(c) if so, the steps taken to reduce the delay; and

(d) the details of the public as well as private companies offering various telecom services at present?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has not prescribed any separate norms for issue of new licences for various telecom services to be offered by State owned Telecom companies. These companies have to fulfil various eligibility criteria in respect of net-worth, paid-up equity, roll out conditions etc. including that competition is not compromised in a service area.

(b) Within the policy framework, no delay has come to the notice in granting licences to those State owned companies which were eligible.

(c) Does not arise in view of above.

(d) The details of licence granted to various public and private companies is as enclosed as ANNEXURE.

ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF LICENCE GRANTED FOR VARIOUS TELECOM SERVICES.

TYPE OF SERVICE	Number of licences granted to various public and private companies
Basic Telephone Service	33
Cellular Mobile Telephone Service	80
National Long Distance Service	4
International Long Distance Service	2
Radio Paging Service	137
Public Mobile Trunk Radio Service	279
Internet Service	509
V-SAT Service Provider	10